PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006.OMB 0651-0031

Complete if Known

Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, so persons are required Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

Application Number 10/010,595 Filing Date 12/05/2001 First Named Inventor Tetsuji Yamaguchi **Group Art Unit** 2877

Examiner Name

Pham Hoa Q.

(use as many sheets as necessary) Sheet

2

Attorney Docket Number 14402-0071

<u> </u>		,	U.S. PATENT DOCUMEN	TS	
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Document Number Number-Kind Code ^{2 (if known)}	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
HR	1	US - 4,762,413	08/09/1988	Namba et al.	
WA	2	US - 4,781,460	11/01/1988	Bott	
188	3	US - 4,828,388	05/09/1989	Namba	
TO	4	US - 5,471,298	11/28/1995	Moriya	
IM	5	US - 5,684,583	11/04/1997	Abe et al.	
1APP	6	US - 5,956,139	09/21/1999	Meyer et al.	
LAP	7	US ~ 6,091,492	07/18/2000	Strickland et al.	
w	8	US - 6,473,177	10/29/2002	Yamaguchi	
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -	r		
		US -			
		US -			
		US -	•		
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			
		US -			

Examiner	land hu	Date	10/17/00
Signature		Considered	4111104

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. "Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at wmPEP 901.4. "Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). "For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent documents. The first of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible." Applicant is to place a check mark here if English tanguage Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The Information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to processO and application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 USC 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is stilmated to take 2.0 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application or to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the inclividual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, US Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS, SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006.OMB 0651-0031

Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE nder the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to restrond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

2

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to re Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

Application Number 10/010,595

Filing Date 12/05/2001

First Named Inventor Tetsuji Yamaguchi
Group Art Unit 2877

Examiner Name Pham Hoa Q.

Attorney Docket Number 14402-0071

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

Sheet 2 of

					N PATENT DOCUMEN	412		
		Foreign Patent Document					Pages, Columns, Lines, Where	
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵	Date of Publications of Cited Documents MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T,
HR	9	JP	61-178643		08/11/1986	Toa Medical Electronics		
40	10	JP	05-113396		05/07/1993	Becton Dickson & Co		
,								
								\vdash
				+				
	 			 				├
								├
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·								
								-
		-						
	 							\vdash
	†							

Examiner Date Considered 4/17/04		11/2	
	Examiner	Man	(0)

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 'Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 'See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.4. I Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 'For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent documents. 'Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to processO and application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 USC 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is stituated to take 2.0 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application or to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, US Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS, SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.